

DESCRIPTION OF TRAILS

- 1. TAH-CUM-WAH TRAIL — 1 mile. Adjacent to the Kil-So-Quah Campground. This trail has beautiful wildflowers in the spring.
- 2. KEKIONGA TRAIL — 10 miles. A loop that winds through fields and forests that begins and ends at the Observation Mound.
- 3. & 4. ME-TEK-YAH TRAIL — 2.9 miles. Interpretive wildlife management trail through a mature woods.
- 5. Lakeview Loop — .8 miles. A side trail that is high above the banks of the reservoir with vistas of the water. This is particularly beautiful in the Fall.
- 6. MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL — 12 miles. This trail follows closely with the Kekionga Trail. The trail begins and ends in the Little Turtle SRA near the beach. This trail was begun in October 1995 as a pilot project to evaluate the compatibility between hikers and mountain bicycling and their impacts on the environment.

PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS!

CENTRAL RESERVATION SYSTEM

Now available, a Central Reservation System (CRS) for camping, cabins and shelters at state parks, reservoirs and forests. **NOTE:** *J. Edward Roush Lake does reserve it's shelters but **does not** reserve it's campground sites.*

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Please let wild animals remain wild. Feeding animals is prohibited. Feeding of wild animals can result in harm to both animals and people. Animals who depend on handouts become a nuisance to visitors and a danger to themselves. Please lock up all food and coolers inside cars or campers. Roll car windows up tightly.



Please carry out all trash you produce in order to keep your property clean and beautiful for others to enjoy!

THIS IS YOUR LAKE

All visitors are expected to observe the following rules which are designed to fulfill the purposes for which the state operates reservoir properties, namely, to provide recreation and resource management opportunities to the public.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A person must not conduct or participate in a fishing tournament on a reservoir property administered by the division of state parks and reservoirs except under a license.
- A person must not launch, dock, or moor a watercraft or another floating device, except for approved periods and at sites designated by the department for those purposes. A watercraft shall not be left unattended in a courtesy dock.
- Any firearm, BB gun, air gun, CO<sub>2</sub> gun, bow and arrow must be unloaded or un-nocked and stored in a case or locked within a vehicle except in accordance with the terms of a one (1) day hunting permit and record card obtained from a hunter sign-in station and possessed by the person in the field for a specified date.
- A person who possesses a pet must keep the animal caged or on a leash no more than six feet and attended at all times.
- There shall be no vending or advertising without permission of the Department of Natural Resources.
- Camping is permitted only in the campground. Youth groups must be under adult supervision.
- Fires shall be built only in places provided.
- Please comply with the Carry In/Carry Out trash policy in all day use areas. Overnight guests must put waste in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- Motorists will observe speed limits as posted, and park in designated areas. 30 m.p.h. maximum.
- A person must not possess or consume an alcoholic beverage at a swimming beach.
- Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This water is tested regularly for purity.
- Report lost or found articles to the property office.
- Feeding of wildlife is prohibited.

For a complete list of rules and regulations inquire at property office.

**YOUTH TENT CAMPGROUND** — For organized youth groups under adult supervision in designated areas. A pit toilet and water are located in the campground. Amphitheater and stage are available.

**FISHING** — Largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, rock bass, smallmouth bass, channel catfish, walleye and red-eared sunfish. State license required and available at lake office.

**FISHING PIER** — Fishing piers are located at both State Recreation Areas with accessible piers at Kil-So-Quah and the Corps Pond. Both have easy access onto the pier.

**HUNTING** — Upland game and waterfowl are available with rabbits, squirrel and deer being most abundant. Hunters are required to register at hunter sign-in stations located throughout the wildlife management units. Starting prior to Thanksgiving each year, put-take pheasant hunting is offered. Pheasant hunters are required to check in at the check station before entering the hunting areas.

**MODEL AIRPORT** — A model airport for radio controlled and “U” controlled airplanes and radio controlled gliders is located within the Little Turtle SRA.

**PICNIC AREAS** — Picnicking is available at each State Recreation Area with most containing tables, grills, toilet facilities, playground equipment, and shelters.

**SHELTERS** — Little Turtle SRA has four reservable shelters:

- 1. Has modern restrooms, electricity and a fireplace.
- 2. Overlooks the beach, and has water and electricity.
- 3. Located in a wooded grove, and within walking distance of the beach and playground equipment.
- 4. Wooded area on a point overlooking the reservoir and is within walking distance of playground equipment and the beach.

Kil-So-Quah SRA has three reservable shelters:

- 1. Has electricity and overlooks the reservoir and is near a modern restroom.
- 2. Located in a grassy shaded area adjacent to a modern restroom, within walking distance of playground equipment and boat launch ramp.
- 3. Located at the boat ramp in the east parking lot. There are no lights or electricity, modern restrooms and a playfield are nearby.

**SHOOTING RANGE** — This range is located on the south side of the reservoir and has eight shooting stations. Four stations are set up for rifle, shotgun, and muzzleloader with up to one hundred yards distance and four are twenty-five yards for pistols.

LODGING

Lodging accommodations are available locally if you decide not to camp.

For information contact:

Huntington County Visitor & Convention Bureau  
1-800-848-4282 or (260) 359-8687  
http://www.visithuntington.org  
email is: info@visithuntington.org

Wabash County Convention & Visitor Bureau  
1-800-563-1169 or (260) 563-7171  
http://www.communinet.org/cvb

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Write: **Roush Lake**  
517 N. Warren Road  
Huntington, IN 46750  
Call: (260) 468-2165 or (260) 468-2166  
Fax: (260)468-2193

**Park Manager**  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
735 N. Warren Road  
Huntington, IN 46750  
Call: (260) 356-8648  
Fax: (260) 356-7433  
www.lrl.usace.army.mil/jerl/

**Public Affairs Office**  
U.S. Army Engineer District, Louisville  
P.O. Box 59  
Louisville, KY 40201-0059  
Call: (502) 315-6765

**Emergency Telephone Numbers**  
Call: **9-1-1** while visiting Roush Lake

DNR

Indiana Department of Natural Resources  
www.IN.gov/dnr

SPECIAL NOTE

Receipts from admission and service charges are used to help defray the operation and maintenance costs of the lake. List of fees available in the lake office.

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INDIANA

J. EDWARD ROUSH LAKE



The reservoir is located in Huntington and Wells Counties on the Wabash River. Kil-So-Quah SRA is located off U.S. 224 two miles east of Huntington and six miles west of Interstate 69. Little Turtle SRA is located two and one-half miles southeast of Huntington off State Road 5 approximately one-half mile south of the J. Edward Roush Dam.

Roush Lake, one of the three Upper Wabash Valley lakes operates primarily as a unit with Mississinewa and Salamonie Lakes to control flood waters along the Wabash River Basin, and secondarily with other lakes downstream in reduction of lower Wabash and Ohio River floods. The lake provides benefits to nearly 60,000 acres of agricultural lands and general recreation activities associated with water, hunting and fishing.

PARTNERSHIPS

The Corps of Engineers has developed a partnership in the management of the public land at Roush Lake. Under a lease agreement, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources operates and maintains the recreation facilities and wildlife areas at the lake, except the areas noted on the map.

DAM

Type	Concrete rolled earth fill		
Maximum height	91 feet		
Length	6,500 feet		
Drainage area above dam	707 square miles		

OPERATING LEVELS

	Elevation (Feet mean sea level)	Area (Acres)	Length (Miles)
Winter Pool	737	500	5
Summer Pool	749	900	7
Flood Pool	798	7,900	29

ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

**ARCHERY RANGE** — This range is located on the south side of the reservoir and has 14 shooting stations. This gives archers an opportunity to hone their skills in actual conditions that they may encounter in the “wild”. There is also a static range with distances from 10-50 yards.

**BEACH** — Swimming is available during posted hours from Memorial Day through Labor Day. A modern bathhouse provides showers, dressing benches, and restrooms. Picnic tables, grills, basketball court, and playground equipment are also available at the beach.

**BOAT RAMPS** — Each of the State Recreation Areas has a three lane concrete ramp. Three car top launching sites are located in the resource management units.

**PRIMITIVE CAMPING** — **Kil-So-Quah** –92 sites for family camping with over one-half of the sites in a hardwood forest and some overlooking the reservoir. Water is available in the immediate area with pit toilets located at convenient spots. Playground equipment, bulletin boards, trails, and program shelter. Interpretive programs are conducted throughout the recreation season.

— **Little Turtle** - 30 sites for family camping located in a hardwood forest within walking distance of the beach. This campground is adjacent to hiking trails and a short distance from the mountain bike trailhead.